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Dear Mick:

Many thanks for your letter of 22 March concerning the invitation that I received from the United States Naval Academy to participate in the Foreign Affairs Conference on 28 April. *ER*

As I told Captain Mini, Acting Superintendent of the Naval Academy, I have been studying my schedule of commitments for next month to see if I might be able to join him. Unfortunately, I find that there just does not seem to be any possibility of my attending on this occasion, much as I would like to do so.

Your thoughtfulness in writing to me about this is indeed appreciated and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 3.
2. The attached invitation from the U. S. Naval Academy to address an inter-collegiate conference at Annapolis on April 28 is sponsored as an extra-curricular matter by the Academy. The following points are noted:  
(a) only a very few of the midshipmen and Academy faculty would be present among the 325 guests to be invited; (b) the subject of the conference is "Problems of Foreign Policy in Africa and the Near East," implying that you would be expected to comment on policy matters; and (c) you are already committed to speak a few weeks later to a larger, somewhat more representative Navy audience at the Naval War College on June 5.
3. RECOMMEND: That you decline the invitation.

Acting Assistant to the Director

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Attachment

cc: DDCI

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22 March 1961

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Allen:

You will have already received an invitation from Captain Mini, USN, acting for the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, inviting you to deliver the major address of the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference on 28 April.


I would like to urge you to accept that invitation.

In addition to the wide institutional attendance, and the comprehensive program, the current intense interest in the "Problems of the United States Foreign Policy in Africa and the Near East" lends special significance to this conclave, the more so because of an aroused public awareness of the necessity for public education and understanding.

I have no personal connection with this venture, but I am gratified to see the Naval Academy taking a leading position in the development of foreign relations thought, and I am impressed by the response and participation of so many outstanding educational institutions. It is for that reason, that I presume to add my own hope that you can accept the invitation to address that group, and so add immeasurably to its value.

All best regards.

As ever,



ROBT. B. CARNEY  
Admiral, USN (Ret.)

Copy to: Captain D. M. Rubel, USN, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Conference

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